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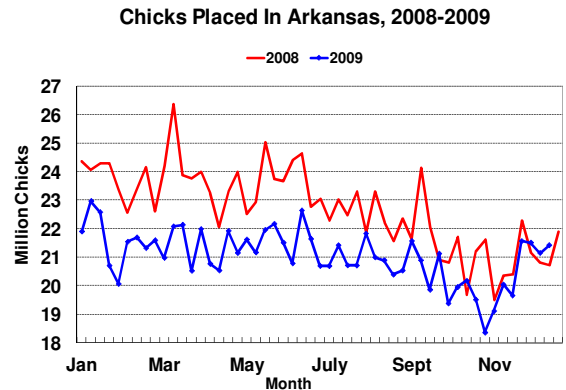
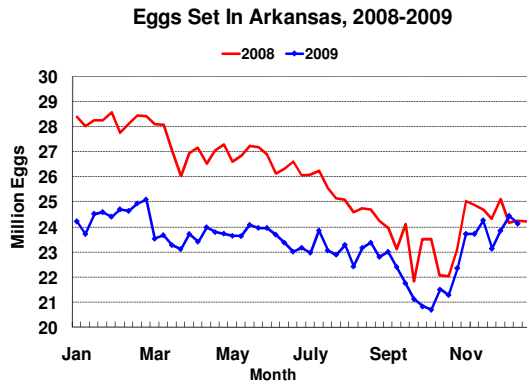


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Arkansas Chick Placements Up 3 Percent from Last Year

Broiler-type chicks placed for meat production in Arkansas were 21.4 million during the week ending December 26, 2009. Placements were up 3 percent from the comparable week in 2008 and up 1 percent from the previous week.

Arkansas hatcheries set 24.1 million broiler-type eggs during the week ending December 26, 2009, virtually unchanged from the same period last year but down 1 percent from the previous week.



Broiler Eggs Set and Chicks Placed in 19 Major States by Week, November 28, 2009 - December 26, 2009

State	Eggs Set					Chicks Placed				
	Week Ending					Week Ending				
	28-Nov	5-Dec	12-Dec	19-Dec	26-Dec	28-Nov	5-Dec	12-Dec	19-Dec	26-Dec
	<i>Thousand</i>					<i>Thousand</i>				
Alabama	28,719	29,465	29,548	29,459	29,859	18,215	21,077	20,232	20,436	21,064
Arkansas	24,268	23,143 *	23,852	24,446 *	24,140	19,658	21,571	21,515	21,151 *	21,425
Delaware	3,366	3,102	3,377	3,425	3,438	4,871	4,961	4,097	4,836	4,589
Florida	1,329	1,329	1,327	1,297	1,296	1,017	821	1,010	1,015	999
Georgia	31,283	31,043	31,544	31,147	31,202	24,256	25,026	25,688	26,389	25,996
Kentucky	8,080 *	7,828 *	8,005	7,998	8,026	6,430	6,290	6,069	6,250	6,475
Louisiana	3,304	3,424	3,349	3,349	3,379	2,687	2,969	3,075	3,022	3,066
Maryland	8,698	8,922	8,918	9,006	8,960	5,870	5,385	6,828	6,024	5,390
Mississippi	18,620	18,638 *	18,780	18,882	18,735	15,374	15,785	15,903	16,187	16,031
N. Carolina	19,214	18,294 *	18,823	18,909	18,759	15,281	15,379	15,505	15,695 *	15,156
Oklahoma	7,210	6,790 *	6,930	7,165 *	7,149	5,392	4,322	3,869	5,228	3,865
Pennsylvania	3,857	3,614	4,096	3,771 *	3,841	2,833	3,185	3,037	3,091 *	2,921
S. Carolina	5,613	5,685	5,589	5,825	5,814	4,726	5,199	4,586	4,656	5,099
Texas	15,694	15,302	15,689	15,273	15,395	13,330	13,414	13,631	13,575	13,204
Virginia	6,201	6,193	5,968	6,114	6,224	4,173	4,973	5,065	4,966	5,459
CA,MO,TN & WV	17,237 *	18,213 *	19,368 *	18,483 *	17,856	14,333 *	15,961 *	16,838 *	15,872 *	15,644
19 State Total	202,693 *	200,985 *	205,163 *	204,549 *	204,073	158,446 *	166,318 *	166,948 *	168,393 *	166,383
Prev. Year Total	204,719	200,741	205,041	203,388	202,493	159,463	166,189	167,904	168,272	166,152
% of Prev. Year	99	100	100	101	101	99	100	99	100	100

* Revised in current week.

Broiler-Type Eggs Set In 19 Selected States Up 1 Percent

Commercial hatcheries in the 19-State weekly program set 204 million eggs in incubators during the week ending December 26, 2009. This was up 1 percent from the eggs set the corresponding week a year earlier. Average hatchability for chicks hatched during the week was 84 percent. Average hatchability is calculated by dividing chicks hatched during the week by eggs set three weeks earlier.

Broiler Chicks Placed Up Slightly

Broiler growers in the 19-State weekly program placed 166 million chicks for meat production during the week ending December 26, 2009. Placements were up slightly from the comparable week a year earlier. Cumulative placements from December 28, 2008 through December 26, 2009 were 8.62 billion, down 4 percent from the same period a year earlier.